

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claim 31, amend claims 30, 32, and 33, and add new claim 45 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1-29. (Canceled)

30. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for one of a plurality of designated recipients of an Email communication to receive the Email, comprising:

providing an Email communication program on a server that is configured with instructions to store a single copy of the Email communication on the server if the Email communication is designated for the plurality of recipients;

receiving on a recipient's computer system an Email communication notification from the server that references the single copy of the Email communication, the Email communication notification distinct from the Email communication;

requesting from the server the referenced Email communication, the request being sent to the Email communication program from the recipient's computer system; ~~and~~

receiving by the recipient's computer system from the server, ~~a copy of the~~ requested Email communication; and

controlling message action instructions for the single copy of the Email communication by any one of the plurality of recipients, the message action instructions including at least one of deleting, saving, and forwarding.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~31~~ 30 including:
after the receiving of the Email communication notification, storing the Email communication notification locally on the recipient's computer system; and
~~after the indicating to the Email communication program to delete the Email communication, deleting the stored Email communication notification by the Email communication program, even if all recipients have not indicated to the Email communication program to delete the Email communication.~~

33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim ~~31~~ 30 including storing the Email communication locally by the recipient on the recipient's computer system such that the local stored Email communication is preserved even when the Email communication program deletes the single stored copy of the Email communication from the server.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the Email communication received from the server is encrypted using a public encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, and including retrieving a private encryption key for the one of the plurality of designated recipients to decrypt the Email communication.

35. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein the acts of receiving the notification, requesting the Email communication and receiving the Email communication are performed by a receiving computer lacking sufficient permanent storage to store the Email communication.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30 wherein contents of the received Email communication notification are based on preferences for the one of the plurality of designated recipients, the preferences previously supplied to the server configured with the Email communication program.

37-44. (Canceled)

45. (New) A computer-implemented method for one of a plurality of designated recipients of an Email communication to receive the Email communication, comprising:

providing an Email communication program on a server that is configured with instructions to store a single copy of the Email communication on the server if the Email communication is designated for the plurality of recipients;

receiving on a recipient's computer system an Email communication notification from the server that references the single copy of the Email communication, the Email communication notification being distinct from the Email communication;

requesting from the server the referenced Email communication, the request being sent to the Email communication program from the recipient's computer system;

receiving by the recipient's computer system from the server, the requested Email communication; and

tracking each recipient's delete or save instruction.